

What's Happening at St. Luke's

Easter Offering: PM Pals

Our Easter offering will be dedicated to PM Pals. PM Pals has served families with special needs in our community, providing children a sense of community and belonging and parents some much deserved respite time.

For more information, visit StLukesMethodist.org/EasterOffering

Who will you invite? Send an e-vite to friend or loved ones by visiting StLukesMethodist.org/invite

For more Holy Week & Easter, visit StLukesMethodist.org/Easter

Holy Week

Sunday, 4-7 p.m. | Monday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. | Tuesday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Wednesday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. | Thursday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m. | Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

A contemplative self-guided tour where you'll experience each station in silence, allowing your soul to connect with God through scripture, prayer, and interactive moments.

The Stations of the Cross | Sanctuary | 7 p.m.

Jim Roman presents Marcel DuPre's symphonic tone-poem for organ, The Stations of the Cross, with the evocative poetry of Paul Claudel, read by Dr. Chuck Simmons.

Maundy Thursday

12 p.m. | Holy Communion and Chant of the gospel of John | Chapel
7 p.m. | Holy Communion led by St. Cecilia choir | Sanctuary *

Good Friday

7 p.m. | Service of Tenebrae | Sanctuary *
The gradual extinguishing of the light as we remember Christ's Passion.
7 p.m. | Children's Good Friday Worship Service *
7 p.m. | branches Good Friday Service | branches building *

Easter Sunday

6:45 a.m. | Sunrise Service | Outside on The Elipse
8, 9, 10:05 & 11:10 a.m. | Traditional Worship | Sanctuary *
9:15 & 10:15 am | Contemporary Worship | Fellowship Hall *
9:45 & 11:00 am | branches Worship | branches building *

* Nursery available for 2 mo.-PreK

The Liturgical Year - Palm Sunday

As we round the final turn in Lent, we're met with Jesus the healer, the teacher, the prophet, and now the king. But Jesus, ever the contrarian, instead of relishing in the praise of the people, he weeps. He knows what lies before him and what the future holds for this great city. Perhaps he foresees the very people laying their cloaks down before him will, in less than a week's time, exchange their shouts of admiration for demands of death. Today, we praise, for soon, we shall mourn.

Welcome to worship at St. Luke's!

If you are visiting and would like to learn more about our church, please stop by the Connection Desk for a welcome gift.

Tell us you are here!

1. Is this your first visit?

Please text *iamnew* to 97000 to let us know you are worshipping with us today!

2. Check in on the St. Luke's App.

If you don't have the app installed on your phone, you can download it at: StLukesMethodist.org/app.

Sermon Notes

Who Needs a King?

Last in the Series, *"This I Believe?"*

- The sovereignty of God
- part of a plan?
- King of?
- King when?

Leading in Worship Today: Dr. Tom Pace; Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears; Rev. Cliff Ritter; Drew Scoggins, Pastoral Intern.

Musicians: Jim Roman, Organist & Artist-in-Residence; Justin Bair, Associate Director of Music & Worship; Randy Murrow, Associate Director of Music & Fine Arts; Victoria Shorokhova, Organ Scholar; Julie Osterman, Erin Sovereign, Jane Long, Megan Kessler, Children's Choir Directors; Melanie Segovia, Children's Choir Assistant; Children's Choirs; Veritas; Chancel Choir.

Acolytes: Adair Coffman, Henry Coffman, Viane Eicken-Zelko.

The altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and given in loving memory of Gib Walton by his family.



St. Luke's

United Methodist Church

Dr. Tom Pace, Senior Pastor

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Palm Sunday

March 24, 2024 | 9:45 & 11:00 a.m.

PRELUDE		
9:45	<i>Hosanna Filio David</i>	Demessieux
11:00	<i>Jesus Enters Jerusalem</i>	Hampton
*HYMN OF PRAISE		
280	<i>All Glory, Laud, and Honor</i>	ST. THEODULPH
*INTROIT 9:45		
	<i>Hosanna</i> Children's Choirs	Natalie Sleeth
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH UMH #889		
Drew Scoggins		
<i>Leader:</i> There is one God and there is one mediator, Christ Jesus, who came as a ransom for all, to whom we testify.		
<i>People:</i> This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance: That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners, and was manifested in the flesh, vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory. Great indeed is the mystery of the gospel. Amen.		
*GLORIA PATRI UMH #70		
MEINEKE		
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.		
PALM SUNDAY STORY		
Luke 19:28-40		
WELCOME		
Dr. Tom Pace		
ANTHEM 11:00		
<i>Salvation Is Created</i> Chancel Choir		
Chesnokov		
Salvation is created, in midst of the earth, O God, our God. Alleluia.		
SCRIPTURE READING		
Rev. Cliff Ritter		
Mark 1:14-15		
14Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the good news of God 15and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."		
SCRIPTURE RESPONSE		
The Word of God for the people of God. Thanks be to God.		

CHORAL CALL TO PRAYER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, we confess our day to day failure to be truly human.
Lord, we confess to you.
Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are,
often because we do not fully understand what loving means,
often because we are afraid of risking ourselves.
Lord, we confess to you.
Lord, we cut ourselves off from each other and we erect barriers of division.
Lord, we confess to you.
Lord, we confess that by silence and ill-considered word
we have built up walls of prejudice.
Lord, we confess that by selfishness and lack of sympathy
we have stifled generosity and left little time for others.
Holy Spirit, speak to us. Help us listen to your word of forgiveness, for we
are very deaf. Come, fill this moment and free us from sin. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND PARDON

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance:
That Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Glory to God. Amen.

MORNING PRAYER

Rev. Katie Montgomery Mears

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily
bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass
against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For
thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

*HYMN OF PREPARATION 11:00

278 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna ELLACOMBE

OFFERTORY

9:45 Rejoice, the Lord is King!
Veritas Dan Forrest

Rejoice the Lord is King! Your God and King adore,
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing and triumph evermore!
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice,
again I say rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail, He rules o’er earth and heav’n,
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n:
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice,
again I say rejoice!

Rejoice in glorious hope, our Lord and judge shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home!
Lift up your heart! Lift up your voice, rejoice,
again I say rejoice!

11:00	<i>Ride On, King Jesus</i> Chancel Choir Jake Woodson, soloist	Hogan
<i>Refrain</i> Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, the conquering king. Oh ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no man can-a hinder thee.		
I was young when I begun. No man can-a hinder thee. But now my race is almost done. No man can-a hinder thee. <i>Refrain</i>		
King Jesus rides a milk white horse. No man can-a hinder thee. The river of Jordan he did cross. No man can-a hinder thee. <i>Refrain</i>		
He’s the King, Lord of all. Jesus is the first and the last. Jesus is the Lord of Lords. Jesus is the Prince of Peace. <i>Refrain</i>		
<i>As an alternative to the offering plate, text gift amount to: 832-669-5500.</i>		
*DOXOLOGY UMH #95 OLD 100TH		
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.		
SERMON	<i>Who Needs a King?</i> Last in the Series, <i>"This I Believe?"</i>	Dr. Tom Pace
INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP <i>If you would like to become a follower of Jesus Christ, or are interested in joining St. Luke’s United Methodist Church, we would love to talk to you about what that means. Please visit the Connection Desk to learn more.</i> -		
*HYMN OF COMMITMENT		
732	<i>Come We That Love the Lord</i>	ST. THOMAS
*BENEDICTION		Dr. Tom Pace
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Leader: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?'" People: "And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'"		
CHORAL BENEDICTION 11:00		
<i>What Wondrous Love Is This</i>		
POSTLUDE		
9:45	<i>Prelude in D Major</i>	Glazunov
11:00	<i>Epilogue on “St. Theodulph”</i>	Willan
At places marked * those who are able may stand.		
COMMUNION IN THE CHAPEL		
You're INVITED TO THE CHAPEL AT 12:05 P.M. FOR HOLY COMMUNION		